

**Minnesota Board of Nursing
Education Committee Minutes**
January 6, 2014
Board of Nursing Conference Room
2829 University Ave SE
Minneapolis, MN

Members Present: Marilyn Krasowski, Jeanine Gangeness (by phone), Julie Riportella (by phone), Diane Scott (by phone)

Staff present: Ann Jones, Mary Hoeppner

Call to order: 8:00 a.m. by Marilyn Krasowski

Agenda as presented was approved. Minutes of the May 24, 2013 were approved.

1. Proposed MR 6301 rule change.

Since the adoption of the 2011 Program Approval rules, NLN has moved forward to create a nursing accreditation body (CNEA: Commission of Nursing Education Accreditation). Preliminary information is that this option will be available in spring 2016. Communication with Judith Halstead (jhalstea@iu.edu), Chair of the NLN committee working on this initiative, is that standards will be available sometime in 2014. The merits of adding this accrediting body as an option for nursing programs was discussed. A change in rule would not alter the sense, meaning or effect of a rule. This would allow use of the Good Cause Exempt Rule process.

A. Jones reviewed the tentative timeline as communicated by NLN, and identified that the need for programs to continue to work on assessment and evaluation of their programs would support accreditation regardless of which accrediting body was selected by a program. The Good Cause Exempt Rule process was also reviewed.

D. Scott moved that the Board initiate the Good Cause Exempt Rule process to change the current program approval rule (MR 6301.2350, subpart 1 and 6301.2360, subpart 2) accreditation implementation date of January 1, 2016 to January 1, 2018. J. Gangeness seconded.

Motion passed.

2. Charge to the Committee

The 2014 Charge to the Committee is to review credentialing bodies with recommendation to the Board to assure non-US educated applicants' requirements are equivalent to US educated applicants' requirements. A. Jones reported that NCSBN is currently reviewing resources on the credentialing of international nurses. It is anticipated that NCSBN will complete their work by mid-year. The Committee identified that this work would be an important resource as they address the charge. Staff were directed to provide updates as they are available; the committee will defer its work on the charge with the understanding that it may not complete its work by the June 2014 deadline.

Meeting adjourned: 9:00 a.m.
Recorder: Mary Hoeppner